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Please add the following new claims:

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- -5. A drive-section-isolated FOUP opener according to claim 2, further comprising a drive section chamber for housing the drive section of said port door horizontal-movement mechanism, the drive section of said sensor horizontal-movement mechanism, and the drive section of said port-door-and-sensor vertical-movement mechanism, and

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said drive section chamber including a device for exhausting an atmosphere in said drive section chamber to an exterior of said drive section chamber.

6. A drive-section-isolated FOUP opener according to claim 3, further comprising a drive section chamber for housing the drive section of said port door horizontal-movement mechanism, the drive section of said sensor horizontal-movement mechanism, and the drive section of said port-door-and-sensor vertical-movement mechanism, and

said drive section chamber including a device for exhausting an atmosphere in said drive section chamber to an exterior of said drive section chamber.

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4. (Amended) A drive-section-isolated FOUP opener according to claim 1 [any one of Claims 1 to 3], further comprising a drive section chamber for housing the drive section of said port door horizontal-movement mechanism, the drive section of said sensor horizontal-movement mechanism, and the drive section of said port-door-and-sensor vertical-movement mechanism, and

said drive section chamber including a device for exhausting an atmosphere in said drive section chamber to an exterior of said drive section chamber.

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